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SUBJ: REPORT US FLAG INCIDENT

1. ALL MAJOR LAHORE URDU PAPERS (MAY 7) FRONT-PAGED REPORT OF DEMONSTRATION STAGED BY KOT LAKHPAT FACTORY AREA LABORERS TO PROTEST AGAINST MURDER OF LABOR LEADER ABDUL REHMAN. NEWSPAPER REPORTS INCLUDED BRIEF MENTION, RUNNING ONE OR TWO LINES, OF BURNING OF US FLAG IN FRONT OF CIVIL SECRETARIAT WHICH THEY HAD PULLED DOWN FROM AMERICAN CENTER. THE LABORERS, WHILE BURNING U.S. FLAG, ALSO RAISED ANTI-US SLOGANS, "DOWN WITH U.S. IMPERIALISM," AND "U.S. IMPERIALISM IS ENEMY OF POOR PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND ARAB FREEDOM FIGHTERS." MASHRIQ CARRIED SEPARATE BOX ITEM SAYING WHEN LABORERS REACHED QUEENS ROAD, THEY WERE INFURIATED AT SIGHT OF AMERICAN CENTER. REPORT SAID THE IRON DOORS OF USIS WERE CLOSED BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS REACHED THERE. HOWEVER, THEY PULLED DOWN FLAG WHICH WAS LATER TORN BY THEM.

2. COMMENT: AS DEMONSTRATION PASSED CENTER (ABOUT 3,000 STRONG) FOUR OR FIVE INDIVIDUALS DETACHED THEMSELVES LONG ENOUGH TO GRAB FLAG AND REJOINED PROCESSION. THEIR COLLEAGUES TRIED TO DISSUADE THEM BUT TO NO AVAIL. POST CANNOT VERIFY
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AT THIS TIME WHETHER REPORT OF FLAG BURNING IN FRONT OF

SECRETARIAT IS ACCURATE BUT ASSUME IT IS. CENTER FRONT
DOOR WAS CLOSED FOR HALF AN HOUR WHILE THE PROCESSION WENT
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